

3. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized in that the tubular portion is a separate tube bonded into a collar on the mask portion.
4. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized in that the longitudinal center line along the internal surface of the roof of the recess is substantially straight.
5. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized in that the height of the recess is between 2.5 and 3.5 the internal diameter of the tubular portion.
6. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 1, characterized in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion cubed to the volume of the recess is between 50 and 68.
7. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion and a mask portion at its patient end having a sealing cuff of generally oval shape defining an opening within its center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion defining a recess extending from the opening to the patient end of the tubular portion, characterized in that the height of the recess is between 2.5 and 3.5 the internal diameter of the tubular portion
8. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 7, characterized in that the height of the recess is between 2.96 and 3.27 the internal diameter of the tubular portion.
9. (Amended) A laryngeal mask airway including a tubular portion and a mask portion at its patient end having a sealing cuff of generally oval shape defining an opening within its center and adapted to seal with patient tissue around the laryngeal inlet, the mask portion defining a recess extending from the opening to the patient end of the tubular portion, characterized in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion cubed to the volume of the recess is between 50 and 68.

10. (Amended) An airway according to Claim 9, characterized in that the ratio of the internal diameter of the tubular portion cubed to the internal volume of the recess is between 50 and 60.

Please add new claim 11 as follows:

11. (Newly Added) An airway according to Claim 2, characterized in that the tubular portion is a separate tube bonded into a collar on the mask portion.

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